districts which are considered safe for the return of the owners of these houses. The list of these clusters was published in the newspapers and steps were taken to identify the families and find their willngness to return to their homes. But as reported by the State Government only two families (not belonging to the particular area) agreed to return to the Valley.

The new State Government have identified the shrines in Mattan and Kheer Bhavani where the Kashmiri Migrants displaced from these places could be settled temporarily by developing two model clusters containing temporary shelters for Kashmiri Migrants, till such time they can repair existing residential houses. Ministry of Finance has provided a grant of Rs. 10.00 crores to the State Government for the reconstruction/renovation of houses and shrines at Kheer Bhavani and Mattan.

As proposed by the State Government, the Central Government has also approved the construction of 200 flats consisting of two bedrooms, lobby, kitchen and toilet/bathroom at Budgam on an experimental basis for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants at an expenditure of Rs. 20.00 crores. As indicated by the State Government 1023 migrants are willing to return to these flats.

Solar Energy Projects

1524. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to come out in a big way to promote Solar Energy Projects, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR) : (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Government is promoting use of solar energy devices and systems by creating awareness and providing fiscal and financial incentives to the users. Large number of solar photovoltaic systems are being deployed for electrification of remotely located villages in the country. Soft loan for installation of solar water heaters is being made

available through branches of seven nationalized banks and Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

The Government has circulated Draft building bye-laws to the States, which if adopted by the Municipal Corporations and other local bodies would make installation of solar water heating systems mandatory in several categories of buildings An all India Conference of Mayors of Municipal Corporations is being organized in Delhi on 6th September, 2004 on Promoting renewable energy technologies including solar technologies in the Urban Areas. In order to create country wide awareness about renewable energy technologies, 20th August, 2004 is being celebrated as "Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas" These steps are expected to lead to large-scale use of solar energy systems

Non-conventional energy sources power plants

1525 SHRI R SHUNMUGASUNDARAM Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) how many power plants with conventional energy sources and how many plants with non-conventional evergy sources are under operation now,

(b) how many applications were received for starting non-conventional energy sources power plants during 2003-04 and how many of them were cleared; and

(c) what are the non-conventional energy sources, State-wise, under operation at present and what are the State-wise potential sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY ON NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR). (a) to (c) A total capacity of 109512 MW from conventional soruces and 4802 MW grid interactive renewable power generation capacity has been installed in the country as on 31 3 2004. A capactity additional of 850 MW grid interactive renewable power has been achieved during 2003-04 State-wise details of estimated potential and achievements under grid interactive renewable power as on 31 3 2004 are given in the Statement